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## Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

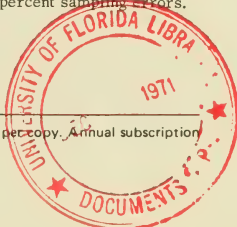
### Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.



Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of--	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of--			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of--	Are likely to have sampling variability of--
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

#### Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

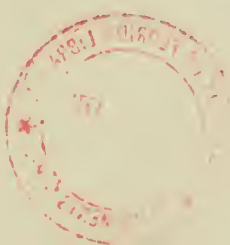


Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)				
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	
Total, all carriers....	74,821	(X)	19,341	8,516	30,356	12,944	1,570	541,070	(X)	73,478
U.S. flag carriers....	27,614	(X)	8,127	2,625	9,912	6,042	390	197,245	(X)	33,374
St. Albans, Vt.....	47		47					288		288
Boston, Mass.....	1,157		289	(Z)	834	13	8	13,910	5,584	1,376
Buffalo, N.Y.....	294		282		12			3,104	2,582	2,742
New York City, N.Y.....	29,657		2,793	2,143	19,628	3,876	180	280,247	96,245	18,390
Philadelphia, Pa.....	644		96	394	132	1	20	5,159	1,832	430
Baltimore, Md.....	86		65	71	8	2		634	192	122
Washington, D.C.....	161		141	5	111	(Z)		395	292	101
Tampa, Fla.....	53		101	52	1	(Z)		174	59	167
New Orleans, La.....	323		101	292	21	9		1,128	420	902
Laredo, Tex.....	243		134	231	1	11		917	643	879
El Paso, Tex.....	97		97					810	621	810
Nogales, Ariz.....	5,532		2,004	154	1,567	(Z)		55,884	18,787	6,864
San Francisco, Calif.....	4,551		2,657	196	52	416	26	40,356	15,259	1,216
Portland, Ore.....	106		106	2	101	1	1	1,954	1,954	44
Seattle, Wash.....	885		281	13	166	410	(Z)	7,679	5,093	2,304
Anchorage, Alaska.....	38		13	12	11	15		646	29	27
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	178		130	(Z)	3	81	93	1,469	456	40
Great Falls, Mont.....	42		42					299	299	
Fremont, N. Dak.....	1		1					9	9	
Minneapolis, Minn.....	364		99		53	198	14	7,429	4,379	517
Duluth, Minn.....	6		6					23	23	
Detroit, Mich.....	912		271	17	581	27	5	4,716	3,847	1,072
Chicago, Ill.....	6,283		1,634	2	3,611	902	18	38,450	16,912	10,309
Cleveland, Ohio.....	493		410	2	74	2	1	1,890	611	1,587
St. Louis, Mo.....	7		3	1	3		(Z)	46	25	1
San Juan, P.R.....	936		777	149	9	(Z)		3,189	1,273	1,291
Miami, Fla.....	11,411		5,228	6,046	1,05	26	3	33,368	14,500	12,727
Houston, Tex.....	577		236	222	58	134	2	3,481	1,483	1,442
Washington, D.C.....	316		44	2	43	287	3	7,074	544	12
All other districts.....	85		42	1	73	10	(Z)	520	514	8
Shipments valued under \$251.....	8,826		4,222	570	2,717	1,346	345	19,520	7,324	8
Special Category.....	458		238	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,708	2,580	(D)

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

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## U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS BY AIR



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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs districts	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)										
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia Oceania	Africa
	AH	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.....	65,249	(X)	7,003	29,801	22,379	500	201	311,903	(X)	152,735	10,812	6,071	73,487	100,861	2,782	3,329
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	30,083	2,732	11,623	13,260	194	30	(X)								
St. Albans, Vt.....	10	8	7	3				114		110	71		43			
Boston, Mass.....	2,358	958	257	8	45	1	7	9,327	4,406	534	29	8,500	233	3	29	
Buffalo, N.Y.....	168	158	158	10	(Z)			1,014	894	906		102	5			
New York City, N.Y.....	26,073	10,824	533	1,657	5,110	94	96	150,887	63,912	4,733	4,831	114,134	24,271	521	2,397	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	556	310	1	540	10	(Z)	5	5,264	3,650	9	1	4,859	71	358		
Baltimore, Md.....	114	96	10	90	11		3	494	467	81	(Z)		347	45	21	
Savannah, Ga.....	99	99	7	92	2			591	568	40		552				
Tampa, Fla.....	13	2	9	2				116	12	33		74	9			
New Orleans, La.....	214	72	211	3	(Z)			106	49	81	16	7	1			
Laredo, Tex.....	82	79	80	(Z)	1			304	138	274		11	18			
El Paso, Tex.....	10	9	9	1	(Z)			298	290	280			12	5		
Nogales, Ariz.....	1	(Z)	1					4								
Los Angeles, Calif.....	8,246	4,435	215	75	6,791	140	4	40,744	21,256	2,840	4	259	7,807	28,816	980	32
San Francisco, Calif.....	5,948	4,389	38	9	5,547	105	(Z)	34,282	22,936	328	41	1,933	31,204	769	6	
Portland, Ore.....	4	4	3	(Z)	(Z)			23	23	21			(Z)	1		
Seattle, Wash.....	1,736	1,500	77	262	1,393	4		9,082	6,402	1,950			1,188	5,938	5	
Anchorage, Alaska.....	36	34	1	3	33			81	81	40			51	23	(Z)	
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	1,218	497	54	3	1,100	61		3,498	1,648	55			38	3,584	220	
Great Falls, Mont.....	8	8	8	2	(Z)			133	49	128				4		
Pembina, N. Dak.....	8	6	6	2				66	43	63				3		
Minneapolis, Minn.....	123	119	6	16	101	(Z)		1,110	1,091	627	(Z)	223	258	(Z)		
Duluth, Minn.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)													
Detroit, Mich.....	611	505	120	1	479	9	(Z)	2,472	1,806	434	2	1,991	40	2	4	
Chicago, Ill.....	3,784	1,960	313	19	2,393	10	17	24,184	11,612	4,193	92	14,859	4,704	147	189	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	73	15	32	35	6			425	59	198		204	23			
St. Louis, Mo.....	4	4	(Z)	4	(Z)			60	41	1		59	(Z)			
San Juan, P.R.....	1,680	423	2,228	386	65	1	(Z)	2,490	428	1,292	360	501	12	12	12	3
San Francisco, Calif.....	5,948	4,369	38	9	248	105	106	49	81	16	74	9	9	9	9	
Washington, D.C.....	284	118	94	10	127	39	14	2,745	352	330	34	2,009	130	10	232	
Washington, D.C.....	500	471	1	(Z)	490	8	(Z)	2,549	2,551	34	(Z)	2,462	49		4	
All other districts....	203	189	6	(Z)	191	6	55	1,612	1,533	29	315	1,571	11	11	103	67
All imports under \$251....	5,573	(NA)	956	258	2,971	84	258	6,796	(NA)	1,165	315	3,623	1,351	103	67	

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